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PASS AGRICULTURE FOR HATHAWAY, STATE FOR MAYNES

FODAG

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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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- 1. FODAG INFORMED BY HANNAH HE HAD CABLED TANCO APRIL 14 URGING HIM TO COMMUNICATE TO WALDHEIM HIS STRONG SUPPORT FOR WILLIAMS. HIS CABLE INDICATED (A) HE DID NOT BELIEVE KEARNS MEASURED UP TO WFC JOB, (B) HE RECOGNIZED SYG ALREADY COMMITTED TO UK CANDIDATE, AND (C) TANCO ONLY ONE WHO COULD TURN SITUATION AROUND.
- 2. TANCO'S CABLED REPLY INDICATED:
- (A) TANCO'S AGREEMENT WITH HANNAH'S ASSESSMENT OF KEARNS,
- (B) BANGLADESH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE HAD CABLED HIM ASKING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUPPORT FOR BANGLADESH CANDIDATE AHMED. (TANCO INFORMED MINISTER HE WOULD SUPPORT MOST COMPETENT CANDIDATE. MINISTER AGREED WILLIAMS IS GOOD MAN AND SUGGESTED THAT, IF WILLIAMS IS APPOINTED, SOMETHING ELSE MAY BE WORKED OUT FOR AHMED. TANCO AGREED TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY.)

(C) TANCO BELIEVES HE CAN PERSUADE SYG TO APPOINT WILLIAMS.

- 3. HANNAH SAID HE AND TANCO, BY PHONE AND CABLE, HAD AGREED TO SERIES OF THREE CONTACTS WITH SYG:
- (A) TANCO WOULD CALL SYG'S OFFICE TO MAKE APPOINTMENT WITH SYG, IT BEING ASSUMED TANCO WOULD TALK TO SYG ABOUT WILLIAMS.
- (B) HANNAH WOULD TALK IN PERSON TO SYG WEEK OF APRIL 24 TO REITERATE TANCO'S VIEWS ON WILLIAMS.
- (C) FINALLY, TANCO WOULD CALL IN PERSON ON SYG IN NEW YORK AFTER MAY 5 MEETING OF ROME PERM REPS TO WFC.
- 4. HANNAH SEEMED OPIMISTIC ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF GETTING WILLIAMS NOMINATED BUT SAID IT IS IMPORTANT THAT US ALSO CONTACT BOTH TANCO AND SYG ABOUT WILLIAMS' CANDIDACY.GARDNER

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